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1. Speaker Selected for 1975 Spring Commencement

Dr. David T. Kelly, Head, Division of Program Development, Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System, has accepted the invitation to be the principal speaker at the Second Commencement for Tyler State College to be held Saturday, May 17, 1975, at Harvey Hall.

Dr. Kelly has a wealth of experience in the field of education. His present position with the Coordinating Board is to develop recommendations for the Coordinating Board to implement its legal responsibilities for the development of state supported colleges and universities; to recommend policies concerning establishment, discontinuance or uniting of public institutions; to prescribe changes in role and scope of public colleges and universities; to direct studies of educational needs, student enrollments, and program offerings; to approve or disapprove requests for new degree programs and administrative changes; to order the initiation, consolidation, or elimination of programs as needed to achieve excellence; to develop core curricula to promote free transfer of credits among Texas institutions; to develop and administer community service, adult and continuing education programs; to assist colleges and universities in relating program offerings to manpower training and economic development needs; to encourage cooperation between public and private colleges; and provide leadership in improvement of quality of education.

He has served as Associate Director of Education, South Carolina State Board for Technical and Comprehensive Education; Associate Executive Secretary, Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; Dean of Instruction, St. Petersburg Junior College, Clearwater, Florida; and Professor of Music, Erskine College, South Carolina.

Dr. Kelly is a native of Kansas City, Missouri. He was graduated from Little Rock High School, received his Bachelor and Master's Degrees from Louisiana State University, and his Doctorate from Florida State University.

Since joining Dr. Bevington Reed's staff as chief program development officer for higher education in Texas, Dr. Kelly has contributed immeasurably to institutions of higher learning in our state, both individually and collectively. I know that we can look forward to an outstanding message from him at our Annual Commencement program on May 17, 1975, in Harvey Hall.

I have requested the staff to prepare guidelines which will permit an organized approach to construction projects at Tyler State College. This request has resulted in the development of a Construction Procedures Manual which is to be distributed during the meeting. It is hoped that this manual will assist the Board in formulating effective policy governing construction at Tyler State College.

Upon reviewing the Construction Procedures Manual you will find that it offers suggestions for establishing a uniform method of handling institutional construction projects. Samples of printed forms suggested for use in connection with construction projects are included. An oral report will be given to the Board at the time the manual is distributed. Hopefully, there will also be time during the Board meeting for discussion from which a goal can be set for future adoption of a policy pursuant to construction procedures.

3. East Texas Oral History Consortium

The Texas College Bicentennial Program has awarded a grant of $7,000 to the East Texas Oral History Consortium which consists of the participants from the following institutions: East Texas State University, Sam Houston State University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Texas A&M University and Tyler State College.

This grant will provide enough funding to support at least three oral history projects by each institution. Taped interviews will be transcribed by a central service, and copies of transcripts will be made available to each participating institution for deposit in the institution's library. Mrs. Corrinne Crow, Director of Oral History at East Texas State University, is the coordinator of the consortium, and the grant funds will be administered by her under the auspices and through the fiscal office of East Texas State University. Dr. Frank H. Smyrl, Dr. Patricia A. Gajda and Dr. John H. Spurgin will represent Tyler State in working with the consortium.

Among the three projects which will be undertaken by Tyler State, it is presently planned for our institution to have one dealing with the subject "Tyler State College: The Founding of a College." Graduates and/or undergraduate students will carry out the interviews as a part of class assignments. Necessary supplies will be purchased by the consortium, although travel will be absorbed by the student. All participation will be on a voluntary basis.

Taping of interviews and transcription of tapes will commence this summer. All transcriptions will be done under the direction of Mrs. Crow, who will hire additional temporary help with part
of the grant money. No expense will be incurred by Tyler State College.

Certainly, I am pleased about Tyler State being included in this Oral History Consortium which will add a significant dimension to our Social Sciences program; and I am grateful to Dr. Frank H. Smyrl for his leadership in this effort.

4. **1975-76 Tyler State College Catalog**

The 1975-76 Tyler State College Catalog, which was furnished to members of the Board of Regents along with the March 24, 1975 Administrative Notes, is recommended to the Board for approval.

5. **Annual Report on Activities at Tyler State College**

A recapitulation of activities at Tyler State College since the last Annual Meeting of the Board of Regents is attached for your information. A report is also attached that reflects fiscal and enrollment growth over the past year.